

Subject: DCO Policy on Concurrence Emails

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NEP/NEC members,

In an effort to limit unnecessary emails, DCO staff will interpret a "no response" to any review (of Virtuals/meeting notes, etc.) request as a concurrence. Members may always choose to respond to the review group with PPI concurs (for example), however, such a response will not be required for DCO's tracking purposes.

Please note that DCO staff will not be held responsible in cases where reviewers fail to respond and thus their lack of a timely response is interpreted by DCO staff as a concurrence, when in fact the reviewer had comments and/or non-concurred with the material, but failed to respond to DCO by the specified deadline.

At a recent NEP meeting, DCO staff were asked if we could allow this as policy and we have no objections to the request nor have we received any objections to the meeting notes which included this proposal.

Obviously, any review feedback other than concurrence should be provided to DCO staff in the established manner.

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